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**CHECKS EQUIPMENT** — Senator James O. Eastland, D-Miss., left, looks over law enforcement equipment in his office Wednesday with Richard Velde, associate administrator of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administra-

tion LEAA has awarded an action grant totalling \$3,614,000 to Mississippi as the federal share of a wide-ranging effort to combat crime. — AP Wirephoto.

## Eastland Tells Of Enforcement Fund

WASHINGTON — Senator James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) announced Wednesday approval of a \$5 million program to aid Mississippi's attack on crime.

Eastland said the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration has awarded an action grant totalling \$3.6 million (\$3,614,000) to the state as the federal share of a wide-ranging effort to combat crime.

The Mississippi grant — part of a billion dollar effort to aid law enforcement agencies

across the nation — will be matched by \$2.4 million (\$2,465,400) in state and local funds.

Eastland heralded the approval as a "blueprint for action" in the state's "on-going effort to assure peace and order in all circumstances and at all times."

The Senator said Mississippi has "always taken great pride in its low crime rate," adding, "this grant marks a determination to maintain our high standard of law and order in every section of the state." He praised

the "federal-state partnership" in the war on crime and said "this spirit of cooperation will enable us to write an even brighter chapter in the story of our battle against lawlessness."

Eastland said the LEAA funds will "support the Mississippi law officer in his day-by-day contest against the criminal element." He added his firm belief "that our policemen must be furnished every possible tool to meet the challenge which the law breaker brings to society."

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Mississippi grant will be spent on the purchase of basic police equipment, Eastland said. A total of \$2,091,466 of the overall program (including \$1,254,880 in federal funds) is expected to go for equipment, ranging from squad cars and communications equipment to highly-sophisticated devices, such as crime scene search kits, fingerprint kits and stand-by generators.

A major portion of the emphasis will be placed on strengthening the state's capability to suppress drug abuse and narcotics traffic, the Senator pointed out. Nearly \$350,000 is targeted for establishment of drug control units among law enforcement agencies at the state and local level.

Additional funds will be channeled into a wide spectrum of programs designed to upgrade law enforcement in dozen of areas. Plans include basic and advanced police training, youth programs and construction of juvenile centers, standardized record system development, prosecutor training, correctional officer training, and local and state riot control.

"The important thing about this grant is that it reaches nearly every level of law enforcement in our state," Eastland said. "It will provide our policemen with equipment, training and technical advancement needed to do their job."

The LEAA is one of the fastest-growing federal programs in history — gaining wide support among lawmakers who are anxious to meet the nation's growing crime problem head-on. Mississippi's share of the federal money has increased from just under \$600,000 in 1969 to \$2.7 million last year — with a total of \$7.4 million allocated to the state since the programs' inception.

LEAA is an outgrowth of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 — originated and perfected in Eastland's Senate Judiciary Committee. Eastland, as chairman, was instrumental in establishing the "block grant" concept in the legislation, which assures state and local leadership in planning and implementing the federal program.

May 6, 1971

Honorable James O. Eastland  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Jim:

Your remarks on the floor of the Senate yesterday are most encouraging to all law enforcement agencies, particularly to us here at the FBI. I appreciate your highlighting the actions of those individuals and organizations seeking to undermine the internal security of our country and this Bureau's efforts to counteract such activities.

My associates and I are indeed grateful for your confidence in our work and hope our endeavors will continue to merit your staunch support.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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## Eastland Urges 'Upper Hand' For Nation's Police

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. James O. Eastland, D-Miss., said this week that law enforcement may gain the "upper hand" in dealing with attacks on lawmen with stepped-up action by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Eastland had "high praise" for President Nixon's order to FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover for sending G-men into action when requested by local authorities. "This is welcome news," he said, "and it may turn the tide of the war on police."

The Mississippi lawmaker is sponsoring his own legislation which would make it a federal crime to assault a policeman or fireman. He indicated a "wait and see" attitude on the new federal action before pushing his bill in the Judiciary Committee which he chairs.

"It has been my opinion that the full force and authority of the federal government must be placed into action against lawless elements which daily threaten our dedicated law enforcement officers," Eastland said. He pointed out that a wave of police killings claimed 53 lives in the first six months of 1971.

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## Eastland Sees Turn In Tide Of War On Police

WASHINGTON—Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) said today Federal Bureau of Investigation action in police deaths "may give law enforcement the upper hand" in dealing with attacks on lawmen.

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federal action before pushing his bill in the Judiciary Committee.

"It has been my opinion that the full force and authority of the federal government must be placed into action against lawless elements which daily threaten our dedicated law enforcement officers," Eastland said. He pointed out that the wave of police killings claimed 56 lives in the first six months of 1971.

"Our policemen are the first and only line of defense that this nation has against revolutionaries who are attempting to intimidate law-abiding citizens through the killing of policemen," the Senator said.

"It is imperative that we put those dedicated to undermining our system of law and order on notice that this will not be tolerated," he added. "Police as

saults must be dealt with quickly and those who would prey on our dedicated officers must know that justice will be swift and stern."

He said the FBI—under the presidential order—will make available its famed crime laboratory, identification division and National Crime Information Center to help solve police attacks. "I think this is a meaningful approach to this serious and deadly problem which confronts the nation."

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## COURT NOMINEE QUIZZED

## Panel Likes Powell

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Judiciary Committee reacted favorably Monday to Lewis F. Powell Jr. with all signs indicating he will be confirmed easily for the Supreme Court.

The lean, graying lawyer from Richmond, Va., pledged at a relaxed nomination hearing to sell much of his extensive stock portfolio and spoke of a deep conviction in equality for "our black brothers."

Powell already had the unqualified support of the chairman, Sen. James O. Eastland, D-Miss.; Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., D-N.C.; Sen. John L. McClellan, D-Ark.; Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C.; and other conservatives.

## LIBERALS PRAISE

He emerged from the day's testimony with praise from three liberals: Sen. Philip A. Hart, D-Mich.; Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.; and Sen. John V. Tunney, D-Calif. Hart called Powell able, Kennedy said he was very impressive, and Tunney described him as extremely impressive.

Kennedy challenged Powell, however, on the subject of civil disobedience and asked him whether he disagrees with the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that immoral laws should be disobeyed.

Powell replied that when he criticized civil disobedience in a 1967 article in U.S. News & World Report he meant the notion of disobeying any law one did not like. He gave as an example the tactic used by some critics of the Vietnam war who

withhold part of their income tax.

"We'd have total chaos if each of us decided which appropriations of Congress were paid, our taxes accordingly," Powell said.

Powell began by giving assurances he subscribes to the strictest concept of judicial ethics. He said it is quite important to the public that members of the court have no other purpose than to do justice under the law.

In this regard, Powell said he would sell promptly after confirmation much of the stock in his \$1 million-plus portfolio and would not sit in any case involving a company in which he had any interest.

He said he would retain his holdings in the S&H Green & Hutchinson trading stamp firm, whose practices are under challenge in the Supreme Court and in two or three others. Powell's S&H stock is worth about \$330,000.

The nominee dismissed the idea of putting his securities in a blind trust, an arrangement in which a financial manager buys and sells stock for a public official without telling him about it. Powell said this would be of little assistance. He agreed with Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., that the stock owner is not kept completely in the dark since his income tax returns reveal much of this information to him eventually.

On other points, the 64-year-old soft-spoken lawyer declined to be pinned down about the wiretapping of domestic radicals. He said he is concerned about some kinds of mass demonstrations and outlined his judicial philosophy.

When Tunney asked Powell if he is a strict constructionist, Powell said first that he believes in the separation of powers—and that the court should be hesitant about overriding the president and Congress. Second, he said he subscribes to the federal system—the separation of federal and state powers.

Recalling that he studied under the late Justice Felix Frankfurter at the Harvard Law School, Powell spoke next of "judicial restraint." That is, he said, the court often should defer to the other branches and it should avoid, whenever possible, deciding cases on constitutional grounds.

Questioned about civil rights, Powell said his mother and father had a deep conviction that all people are equal.

"I inherited that and have always believed it," he said. Powell then gave some details of his work as a lawyer to provide family legal services and legal assistance for the poor. "For the most part," he said, "they were our black brothers."

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**BEFORE THE QUESTIONS** — Supreme Court nominee Lewis F. Powell Jr., left, stands with Chairman James O. Eastland, D-Miss., before being questioned Monday by the Senate Judiciary Committee on his fitness for a place on the high court. Powell, 64, is a Richmond, Va., lawyer who is a former president of the American Bar Association. — AP Wirephoto.

January 24, 1972

Honorable James O. Eastland  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Jim:

Your kind comments and typical thoughtfulness in having printed in the January 21st Congressional Record the article from the current issue of "Nation's Business" are indeed appreciated. Your continuing staunch support of the FBI means a great deal to my associates and me and we are grateful to you.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Post Office Box 1450  
Jackson, Mississippi  
August 1, 1972

Honorable James O. Eastland  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Eastland:

Congratulations upon the occasion of your  
election as President Pro Tempore of the United States  
Senate.

All of the FBI employees in the State of  
Mississippi join me in wishing you well in your new  
assignment, which is a great honor to you and the  
State of Mississippi.

I remember with pleasure talking with you  
on the occasion of your visit to the Mississippi Gulf  
Coast May 25, 1972, where you introduced our new  
Acting Director, L. Patrick Gray, III, to the  
Governor's Conference on Crime.

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

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Elmer F. Linberg  
Special Agent in Charge

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Honorable James O. Eastland  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Eastland:

Your election today as President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate is indeed an honor and I know you must take considerable pride in being chosen for this position. This certainly is indicative of the great esteem you enjoy among your colleagues and their high respect for your leadership abilities.

My associates share my pleasure in this news and join me in extending hearty congratulations to you.

With best wishes and warm regards,

Sincerely,

*L. Patrick Gray III*

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November 15, 1972

Honorable James O. Eastland ✓  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Eastland:

My FBI associates and I certainly were pleased to learn of your re-election to the Senate and this brief note of congratulations is just to let you know how glad we are to have the opportunity to continue working with you in service to our country.

With warmest best wishes,

Sincerely,

*L. Patrick Gray III*

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

December 26, 1972

Honorable E. P. Peacock, Jr.  
Bank of Clarksdale  
Clarksdale, Mississippi 38614

Dear Mr. Peacock:


Senator Eastland is in Mississippi and  
will not return to the office until Congress convenes on  
January 3.

I know he would want to do what he could  
to be helpful in having the FBI office reopened in Clarksdale,  
so I am taking the liberty of contacting the FBI office here  
in Washington to see what can be done and we shall keep you  
informed.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Executive Secretary

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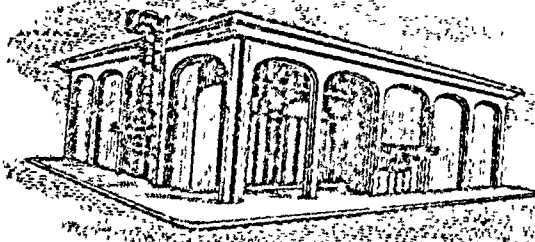
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# BANK OF CLARKSDALE



E. P. PEACOCK, Jr.  
Chairman of Board &  
Chief Executive Officer

CLARKSDALE, MISSISSIPPI 38614  
December 19, 1972

Senator James O. Eastland  
U. S. Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

Some six to eight months ago they moved the FBI office that was located here in Clarksdale for a long number of years, and consolidated it with the Oxford office. We have been somewhat disturbed by this move for some time as we have had excellent FBI men stationed in the Clarksdale territory, and they were always readily available for any emergency that might arise. I admit that I should have written you sooner in regard to this transfer from Clarksdale to Oxford, but since our recent holdup at Lula we realize much more that we should have an FBI office here in Clarksdale to cover this part of the Delta.

It is my understanding that one of the FBI agents in Oxford is assigned to this area, but the reason for moving the office to Oxford was to save the rent that they were paying the government on the Federal Building, which is located here. I would go into much more detail about the transfer but I do not think that it would be appropriate as it might incriminate some individuals whom we think are very efficient and very conscientious.

It is my understanding that the closest offices to Clarksdale are Greenwood, Oxford and Memphis. Naturally, after the holdup at the Lula Branch in the last few days we realize how long that it would take the FBI to get into the picture. I would appreciate it if you would take a map of this area and see the extreme need for FBI agents in Clarksdale, and it is my information, although I cannot verify it, that there is ample room in the Federal Building to accommodate an FBI office here in Clarksdale.



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Senator James O. Eastland  
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The immediate agent assigned to Clarksdale finds it necessary to travel from Oxford to this territory every day, which I am sure would more than offset any expense than keeping at least two agents in town to handle the immediate Delta area.

I am a great supporter of the FBI and believe that their experience and "know-how" are most valuable, but their advice and immediate attention demands that they be much closer than Memphis and Oxford. It is possible that I may be wrong to some extent, but I think that two FBI agents who covered the burglary were from Oxford and either four or six were from Memphis. Since you know the distance from either of these two points you know that we are not adequately protected by these agents. It worries me constantly about our branches in the small towns in which we happen to have our branch banks, such as Friars Point, Jonestown, Lula, Sledge, Lambert and Tutwiler. As it takes an FBI agent two hours to get from his own station to any of these locations, it is practically useless, as we have, in my opinion, very fine local law enforcement officers who are able to take fingerprints, etc. but who are prevented by regulations to touch anything until the FBI agents appear on the scene.

I am asking you, as a personal favor, to see that an FBI office is opened again in Clarksdale so that an agent would be available within a very short time after any bank robbery or other Federal offense. I know that with the cooperation of Senator Stennis and Jamie Whitten that this can be done if enough pressure is put on the FBI. Frankly, we are worried more than I can tell you concerning the branches we have in the surrounding small towns as their police force is completely inadequate, and we have no protection from these law enforcement officers. We have installed every device known to man to stop such holdups, robberies, burglaries, etc. but without immediate attention from experts we feel like we are left in a bad situation.

With kindest regards to you and all of your staff, and best wishes for a Merry Christmas, I am

Sincerely yours,



Chairman of the Board

EPP, JR:kh

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

MR. DAVE BOWERS --

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January 4, 1973

Honorable James O. Eastland  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Eastland:

I am returning herewith a letter directed to you under date of December 19, 1972, from the Honorable E. P. Peacock, Jr., Bank of Clarksdale, Clarksdale, Mississippi, and a copy of a letter directed to Mr. Peacock under date of December 26, 1972, from your Executive Secretary, Jean H. Allen.

While I can fully understand the motives which prompted Mr. Peacock to write to you, and although I am pleased to learn of his support for the FBI, I must advise you that we do not have any plans at this time to reopen a Resident Agency in Clarksdale.

Since the closing of the Clarksdale Resident Agency for security reasons in June, 1971, we have found that we have been able to fully and efficiently discharge our responsibilities from the Oxford Resident Agency.

Sincerely yours,

*L. Patrick Gray, III*

L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director

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February 22, 1973

Honorable James O. Eastland  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Eastland:

This is just a brief note to again express my thanks for your taking the time to see me in your office Tuesday. I am deeply grateful to you for arranging your schedule to make my visit possible and I just wanted you to know how much I appreciate your courtesy in doing this.

Sincerely,

*L. Patrick Gray III*

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## Nixon Puts Eastland On Spot

Word from the White House is that President Nixon has personally intervened with Senator Jim Eastland of Mississippi, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, which screens major presidential nominees, to gain his support for Patrick Gray as head of the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

White House sources are quoted as saying the President got word to Senator Eastland, in effect, "Look, Jim, when you were running for re-election against a popular Republican opponent, I refused to support my own party's candidate in your state. Now it's time for you to do me a favor. Back Patrick Gray."

This reported effort by President Nixon to influence Senator Eastland is accompanied by Capitol Hill reports that Mr. Nixon has also told a Republican member of the Judiciary Committee, Charles Mathias of Maryland, not to expect presidential support when he runs for re-election unless he votes for Gray when the showdown comes.

At present the Eastland committee is said to stand 8 to 7 in favor of Gray with Mathias undecided, and Senator Eastland, of course, holding the key. Thus every vote counts.

All this behind-the-scenes maneuvering would be understandable if the President, himself, were still enthusiastically backing his own nominee.

But the evidence is strong that Mr. Nixon has cooled on Gray following the latter's involvement in the Watergate affair through feeding unprocessed FBI material to the White House—and getting caught.

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For several days Mr. Nixon has refused to lend new support to Gray. And it begins to look as if the President has about decided to sacrifice Gray on the political altar for doing what he apparently thought the President wanted him to do—feed information on the Watergate bugging case to Mr. Nixon's youthful chief counsel in the White House.

This abandonment, we believe, is unfortunate. For having attended a Washington session some time ago at which Patrick Gray explained in great detail his law enforcement philosophy and his plans for the organization, we are inclined to believe that he would make the nation a superior FBI director and may be less to blame for his indirect involvement in the Watergate affair than is President Nixon, who pulls the White House strings.

The problem of rejecting Gray, if it comes to that choice for the Eastland committee, is that the men the President has lined up behind him as prospects for heading the FBI do not seem to come close to measuring up to Gray in all-round suitability for the job.

If the President abandons Gray—and he is capable of doing so—Mr. Nixon reportedly is considering one of the following for the top FBI job:

1. Myles Ambrose, a special assistant attorney general who has been working with narcotics.

2. Washington Police Chief Jerry Wilson, who is a Nixon favorite but is felt by many to be handicapped as potential head of the sophisticated FBI operations since he has no college education.

3. Peter Pitchess, sheriff of Los

Angeles County, who is reported to have health problems that might interfere with his duties.

4. William Sullivan, former No. 3 man at FBI headquarters whose nomination probably would tend to split the organization because of old animosities involving him.

Prior to the Watergate bugging of Democratic headquarters, which has been described by the presiding judge as "sordid, despicable and thoroughly reprehensible," Patrick Gray appeared to have smooth sailing for Senate approval.

But the GOP spy effort which appears to have originated somewhere in the White House eventually reached out to touch Gray as he turned over "raw" un-evaluated FBI information to the President's 37-year-old chief counsel.

And this lack of judgment, regardless of how great the pressure on him may have been, now seems likely to deprive Gray of Senate endorsement and perhaps even of continued support from the President.

If this is true, Mr. Nixon owes the country an extra effort to come up with a truly outstanding nominee for the position of FBI director to succeed J. Edgar Hoover.

For either the President or his very close White House associates seem responsible, at least in part, for Gray's predicament that has cost him Senate support.

And the early list of possible presidential nominees for the FBI job being circulated on Capitol Hill indicates a considerable slippage in FBI prestige and public support if Mr. Nixon can do no better in finding someone else for the position.

Thus we are inclined to feel that the President is on the right track in wanting Senator Eastland to support Gray for the FBI directorship. But we disagree with Mr. Nixon's methods.

And we regret still more any part, however indirect, which the President may have played in the Watergate affair that has become a trap for Gray as well as a smear on the White House.

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# Crime Challenge Can Be Met, Says Eastland

By JOHN SPARKS

WASHINGTON — Sen. James O. Eastland, D-Miss. Friday said the nation can meet the challenge of crime and overcome it.

The Mississippian made his statement after citing the latest crime statistics of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (FBI), indicating a major crime drop in the nation for the first time in 17 years.

"These statistics are proof," said Sen. Eastland, "The government can do something about rising crime and this is welcome and heartening news."

"This has been a national effort — an effort that has met with successes. It is proof that we can meet the challenge of crime and overcome it."

The chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee expressed the hope that decreasing crime will spur "a new dedication of our nation and its people to the principle of law and order" and called on Americans to move forward with a renewed sense of pride in the nation.

"I am convinced that only when the nation is free of crime will we, as a nation be truly free," said the outspoken law and order advocate.

"Eastland had high praise for the nation's policemen. "Credit is due to many, many dedicated law enforcement officers — state police, sheriffs and local policemen who have performed ably and with a sense of dedication to their country and its citizens."

The Mississippi senator said that ever-increasing crime had become almost commonplace.

"It is a sad fact that in recent years, we almost had become resigned to spiraling statistics. For two decades, the number of major crimes skyrocketed year after year. We literally were living in an era of lawlessness."

Eastland praised President Nixon's law and order effort and placed special emphasis on the job being done by the FBI.

"He reserved his criticism for judges who are soft on crime and said criminals stalked the streets in ever-increasing numbers and that citizens literally were at the mercy of criminals."

He said the return of criminals to the streets time after time by judges was a factor in the major crime rise.

"It was an aroused citizenry — a nation fed up with crime — that demanded an end to lawlessness."

"And it was the citizen who was not afraid to become involved that provided the key to putting the criminal behind bars," Eastland said in closing.

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# Eastland Claims FBI Halts Crime

WASHINGTON — Senator James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) said today that crime statistics released by the FBI "are proof that the government can do something about rising crime."

Eastland cited national figures indicating a drop in major crime for the first time in 17 years. "This is welcome and heartening news," he said.

"This has been a national effort — an effort that has met with success," the Senator said. "To me, it is proof that we can meet the challenge of crime and overcome it."

The Senate Judiciary Committee chairman expressed hope that decreasing crime will spur "a new dedication of our nation and its people to the principle of law and order." He called on Americans to move forward with "a renewed sense of pride" in the nation.

"I am convinced that only when this nation is free of crime will we, as a Nation, be truly free."

Eastland, an outspoken law and order advocate, had high praise for the nation's policemen. "Credit is due to many, many dedicated law enforcement officers — state police, sheriffs and local policemen

who have formed the first line of defense between the criminal and the citizen," he said.

"It was these men and women, in day-to-day effort, who performed ably and with a sense of dedication to their country and its citizens."

Eastland called it "good news" that crime has dropped in the country. "Ever-increasing crime had almost become commonplace," he said. "It is a sad fact that in recent years, had almost become resigned to spiraling statistics."

"Over a period of two decades, the number of major crimes skyrocketed year after year. We were literally living in an era of lawlessness."

Eastland praised President Nixon's law and order effort and placed special emphasis on the job being done by the FBI. But he reserved his criticism for judges who are soft on crime.

"Criminals stalked the streets in ever-increasing numbers, and our citizens were literally at the mercy of this ruthless element," Eastland said.

"When our citizens fell prey to criminals, the courts were turning free those who had been apprehended by the police. It was a time that saw many charged with serious crimes

back on the streets to rob and kill again and again."

Eastland cited American citizens for their role in the task of combatting crime. "It was an aroused citizenry — a nation fed up with crime — that demanded an end to lawlessness. And it was the citizen who was not afraid to become involved that provided the key to putting the criminal behind bars," he said.

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HONORABLE JAMES O. EASTLAND  
DODDSVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

YOUR FRIENDS IN THE FBI WERE SORRY TO LEARN OF  
YOUR ACCIDENT AND HOPE YOU ARE RESTING COMFORTABLY. WE  
DID WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH  
YOU AND WE WISH YOU A SPEEDY RECOVERY.

CLARENCE M. KELLEY, DIRECTOR  
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How, George Lloyd Murphy  
California State Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Murphy:

Please have an investigation made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation into a money riddling racket conducted by an organization at San Bernardino, California. The organization is called President Puzzle Club. I am a woman whose name is [redacted].

For several months not so long ago this person advertised puzzle to be solved by mail with payments. The payments were sent to her with the puzzle, all but one at that time. The first puzzle was ad. [redacted] 713. [redacted] sending her this last puzzle and payment. There was no more response from her. The local post office sent two trailers to search for her but there was still no response from her or her organization.

[redacted] I explained to her in my letter that I was a physician who had been capped person receiving State aid from the Welfare Dept. [redacted] met to her. All of the money order receipts have been held.

I would appreciate it very much if you would have this investigated further. The woman's name is President Puzzle Club - 444 Mountain View - San Bernardino, Calif. 92401

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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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CHIEF COUNSEL AND STAFF DIRECTOR

June 6, 1974

Honorable David W. Bowers  
Inspector  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
10th and Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Dave:

I have received the enclosed correspondence from my constituent, Charles L. Speed of Vicksburg, Mississippi, which was forwarded by former Senator George Murphy of California.

I would appreciate your looking into this matter and advising my constituent whether the Bureau has jurisdiction over his complaint.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

*James O. Eastland*  
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June 13, 1974

Honorable James O. Eastland  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Eastland:

Your letter of June 6th to Inspector Bowers has been referred to my attention. While I would like to be of assistance to your constituent, Charles L. Speed, the matter he mentioned does not involve a violation within the jurisdiction of the FBI. I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter and its enclosure to the Chief Postal Inspector, U. S. Postal Service, for any assistance he can furnish.

The letter you enclosed from Mr. Speed is being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

*Clarence M. Kelley*  
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July 9, 1975

Honorable James O. Eastland  
United States Senator  
c/o Bolivar County Hospital  
Cleveland, Mississippi 38732

Dear Senator Eastland:

I trust this note finds you resting as comfortably as possible after your fall. You have the best wishes of all of us in the FBI for a complete and speedy recovery. I know you must be looking forward to leaving the hospital and I hope that your stay there will be a short one.

Sincerely,

*C. Kelley*

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July 1, 1975

Honorable Edward H. Levi  
Attorney General of the  
United States  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Levi:

Recently the University of Southern Mississippi requested the services of a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to participate in a workshop with Mississippi peace officers. The workshop was concerned with such items as privacy of records of evidentiary value, and other substantive issues surrounding the keeping of police records.

In answer to our request, Director Kelly made Special Agent [redacted] available from the Washington office. I am writing this to tell you what an exceptional job was done by [redacted]. In this day when there is distrust of law enforcement, it is heartening to have one come forth from law enforcement and set an example for other law enforcement officers to follow. [redacted] professional knowledge, his manner of presentation, and his representation of the Department of Justice were truly of the highest magnitude.

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On behalf of the University of Southern Mississippi and the law enforcement officers in the state, I express our sincere appreciation for this most beneficial and professional assistance.

Sincerely,

Tyler H. Fletcher  
Chairman, Department of Criminal Justice

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CC: Senator James O. Eastland

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
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July 8, 1975

Honorable Clarence M. Kelley  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20535

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Dear Mr. Kelley:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Southern Mississippi addressed to the Attorney General concerning the work of Special Agent [REDACTED]

I am satisfied the Attorney General will forward his letter to you, but I am taking the liberty of sending you this copy, thinking you probably would want to place it in the file of this agent.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

*Jim Eastland*  
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July 16, 1975

Honorable James O. Eastland  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Eastland:

I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me the copy of the letter written by Mr. Tyler H. Fletcher concerning the appearance of Special Agent [ ] at the workshop for the Mississippi Peace Officers. I know Special Agent [ ] is pleased that his efforts were recognized in such a manner and I again thank you for informing me of Mr. Fletcher's letter.

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Sincerely yours,

*Clarence M. Kelley*  
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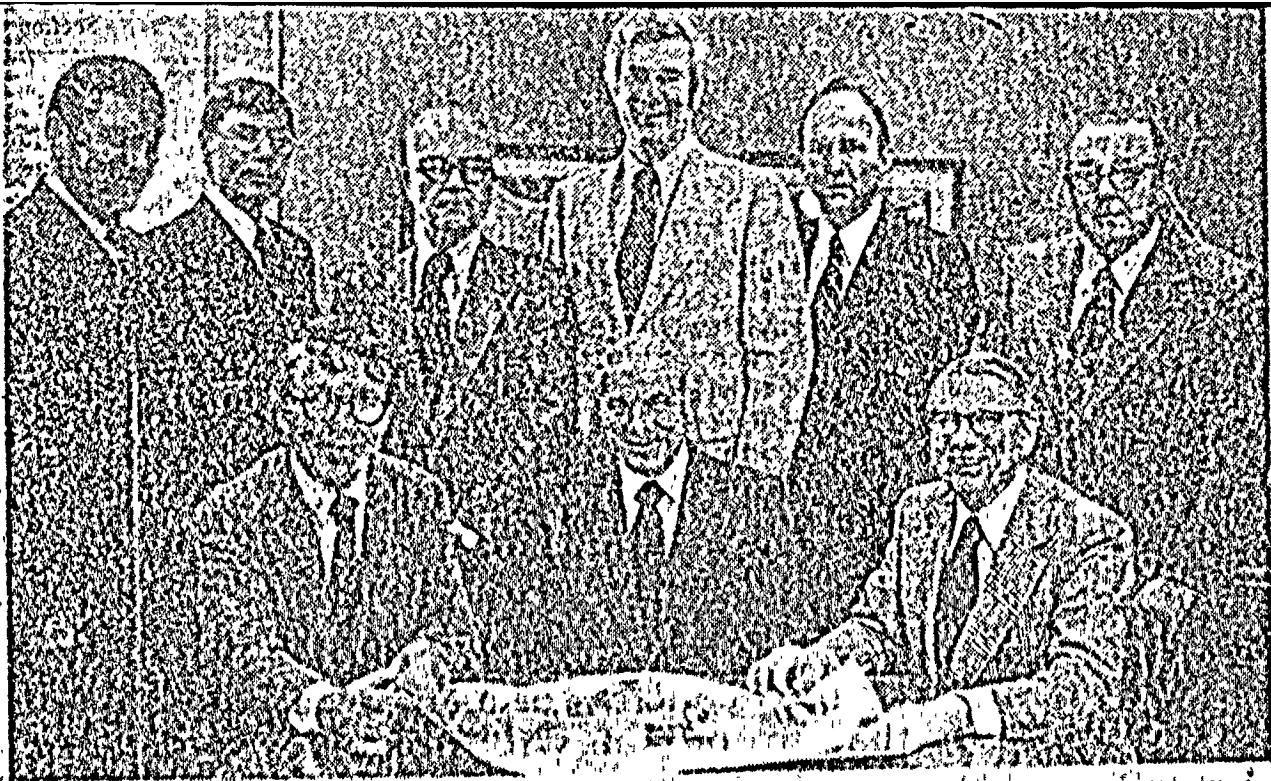
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**PLAN EASTLAND SALUTE** — Members of the Statowide Comittee which is planning the dinner honoring U.S. Sen. James O. Eastland and sponsored by the University of Mississippi Foundation include Jackson attorney Edmund L. Brunini (center), Tom B. Scott Jr. (left seated), Ole Miss Chancellor Porter L. For-

tune Jr. (right seated), and (from left standing) Rufus T. Jones, Director of Development at Ole Miss; UM Law Dean Parham Williams; T. M. Hederman Jr.; Brad Dye; Herman Hines; and Robert M. Hearin, all of Jackson; Members not pictured include Pat McMullan of Jackson and Morris Lewis of Indianola.



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# Dinner To Honor Sen. Eastland

U.S. Sen. James O. Eastland, Mississippi's influential senior senator and third in line of succession to the Presidency of the United States, will be honored for his services to the state and nation March 8 in Jackson at a black-tie dinner.

The dinner, sponsored by the University of Mississippi and the University of Mississippi Foundation, will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Delta Ballroom of the Holiday Inn Downtown.

A statewide committee composed of friends of both the University of Mississippi Foundation and Sen. Eastland is completing arrangements for the dinner, which will be addressed by a figure of national prominence scheduled to make a major speech.

Chairman of the planning group's executive committee is Jackson attorney Edmund L. Brunini.

"The record of public service compiled by Sen. Eastland merits formal recognition, and this dinner is only an indication of the deep gratitude which Mississippians and their fellow countrymen feel for James Oliver Eastland," Mr. Brunini said.

"It is fitting and proper that the university which the senator once attended should take the lead in honoring a man who is president pro tempore of the United States Senate and chairman of the Judiciary Committee and who was twice acting vice president of our country. Our intent is to honor the man, the state, and the university."

Sen. Eastland, currently in his 33rd year in Washington, ranks first in Senate seniority and has been chairman of the powerful Judiciary Committee since 1966.

He is also a senior member of the Agriculture Committee.

Born in Doddsville, he entered Ole Miss in 1922, becoming business manager of the campus newspaper, was admitted to the bar in 1927, and served in the state House of Representatives from 1928 to 1932. In 1941, Gov. Paul B. Johnson Sr. appointed the Deitan to fill the U.S. Senate vacancy caused by the death of Sen. Pat Harrison. Sen. Eastland was elected to a full term in 1942 and was re-elected in 1949, 1955, 1961, 1967, and 1973.

Selected by his fellow senators as president pro tem in 1972, Sen. Eastland said, "This is not an honor for a man—but an honor for a state and her people." As president pro tem, he regularly attends White House briefings on sensitive national and international issues.



SEN. JAMES O. EASTLAND  
To Be Honored At Dinner

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"Sen. Eastland has influenced the shaping of every law affecting the federal judiciary system which Congress has enacted during the past 20 years," said University of Mississippi Chancellor Porter L. Fortune Jr.

"As chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security, he has been personally responsible for developing legislation designed to restore needed authority to our law enforcement agencies and to engender renewed respect for law and order in our country."

Other members of the executive committee of the Statewide Committee are Brad Dye, Robert M. Hearin, T. M. Hederman Jr., Herman Hines, Pat McMullan Jr., and Tom B. Scott Jr., all of Jackson, and Morris Lewis, Indianola.

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# 18 Jacksonians On Eastland Panel

Eighteen Jacksonians are among members of the statewide committee planning next Monday's black tie dinner in honor of U.S. Sen. James O. Eastland of Mississippi.

They are Alex A. Alston Jr., Reuben Anderson, E.L. Brunini Sr., James B. Campbell, Curtis Coker, Brad Dye, Alvin Flannes, W.G. Goodman, Robert M. Hearin, T.M. Hederman Jr., Herman Hines, E. Grady Jolly Jr., Tim Jones, C.H. King, Morris Lewis, Pat McMullan, Rubel L. Phillips, and Tom B. Scott Jr.

The dinner will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Holiday Inn Downtown in Jackson and will be addressed by the

Chief Justice of the United States, Warren E. Burger.

Leading figures of federal and state governments, including Gov. Cliff Finch and Lt. Gov. Evelyn Gandy and U.S. Sens. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, James Buckley of New York, John C. Stennis of Mississippi, Thomas Eagleton of Missouri, Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, Robert P. Griffin of Michigan, John O. Pastore of Rhode Island, Charles Percy of Illinois and Joseph Montoya of New Mexico are among a large number who have accepted invitations to the dinner.

The state's five members of the U.S. House of Representatives, Jamie L. Whitten, G.V. Montgomery, David Bowen, Thad Cochran and Trent Lott will attend in addition to judges of the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, federal district court judges, state legislators, national industrial leaders and state supreme court justices.

The Statewide Committee, following the Monday dinner, will lead the drive to raise \$2 million as the cornerstone for establishment of James Oliver Eastland Scholarships in Law at the University of Mississippi Law School. The funds, to be invested and managed by the University of Mississippi Foundation.

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# Eastland Guests Mix Business, Fun

By FREDRIGTULSKY  
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

It was a top-flight, black-tie affair the 500 persons were at, and everyone seemed to be having a good time.

The 20 persons fighting the biting rain 22 stories below may as well have been a million miles away. If the people upstairs were aware of the protest below, they didn't let it show.

"This is a very unusual affair," said Sen. Robert P. Griffin, R-Mich., at the University Club cocktail reception that was a prelude to Monday night's dinner honoring Mississippi Sen. James O. Eastland.

"I DON'T KNOW of any other time when so many key people have attended a local affair."

Griffin, Senate Republican minority whip, said the outpouring of public officials "was clearly a response for Jim Eastland."

He said Eastland was "a very powerful man — he's the dean of the Senate, and he's chairman of the Judiciary Committee — and I think his position is reflected here."

Indeed it was, as 33 senators, the Supreme Court chief justice and the U.S. attorney general joined state officials at Monday night's tribute to Eastland.

## Leaders Mingle 22

## Flights Up As Pickets Go Largely Unseen

THE CROWD FIRST was entertained at a reception at the top of the Deposit Guaranty Plaza, where Mississippians mingled for a glimpse of the nation's leaders.

"I think it's very appropriate for all of us to recognize our senior senator," Gov. Cliff Finch said.

Finch said the event also was a chance for Mississippi to host industrial and political leaders from throughout the country. "This gives them an opportunity to see what Mississippi is really like."

"They may have read some things or heard some things, but now they can see firsthand our hospitality."

"THIS IS ONE happy state," the governor said.

Down below, the 20 people — some white, some black — who were protesting did not agree.

"I think it's just important that there be some people in the state who create a balance for what is going on upstairs," said Imari Obadele, leader of the Republic of New Africa (RNA).

The black-group was picketing in protest of what they called Eastland's racist policies.

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"SHAME—AARON HENRY, Shame Mayor Evers, Shame America," cried one picket, in response to two state black leaders who were at the event upstairs.

Obadele said there were many Mississippians who "haven't had the essential problems — health, employment and housing — solved for them yet."

Turning to the reporter who was walking along with him, Obadele said, "Now get lost."

Henry, the Clarksdale Democratic leader, said upstairs that "everyone is entitled to express his point of view; I would be disturbed if everyone could not."

BUT, HE SAID, "I have picked up a picket many times when I felt ethnic groups were being excluded — and I would tonight if I felt that were the case here."

Along with the tribute to Eastland, the dinner marked the start of a scholarship fund for black students to attend University of Mississippi Law School.

"The law school fund — that's the important thing," Henry said of the event.

Outside, however, another picket said, "100 scholarships are not worth 33 years of racism."

EARLIER, HENRY KIRKSEY, a black who ran as an independent for governor last year, said Aaron Henry had felt compelled to make excuses for attending the dinner.

"You don't need a dinner in honor of Sen. James O. Eastland's career of racism to raise funds for the law school at Ole Miss," Kirksey said at a press conference.

The picketing began under the overhang outside the Holiday Inn, but officials ordered the picketers to move to the sidewalk — and out of cover from the rain — to pick-

et. But the atmosphere remained warm inside at the reception, as an elaborate display of hors d'oeuvres and three liquor bars attracted the guests.

"THIS IS A VERY gala event," one Chicago industrialist said to Gov. Finch. "This is an honor for a great man's efforts over many years."

The Chicago industrialist, whose firm owned a plant in Pontotoc County, said he found Mississippians possess "a great deal of determination."

"We in Mississippi are proud of that," Finch responded. He chatted briefly, then went off to "shake a few hands."

Working his way through the crowd, Finch stopped by a Houston business leader who had attended a luncheon the governor had given earlier in the day.

"I JUST WANTED you to know how much I liked the luncheon," the man said, "and how magnificent your mansion is."

"We're just glad to have you," Finch said, "and I hope you'll come back."

Most of the reception went like that — social, with undertones of business.

"Steer the gas people my way," one industrialist told an aide at the door. "There's no reason I can't work in a little business tonight."

THE SMALL GROUP below, it seemed, could not have been farther away.

But Frank Parker, a civil rights leader, said out on the street he thought the demonstration "definitely would have its effect."

"I think there are people upstairs who will feel in their consciences what we are saying out here."

"I'd be ashamed," Parker said, "if there weren't people out here protesting the dinner in there."



Staff photo by Randy Cox

**Sens. Humphrey, Muskie And Former Indiana Sen. Jenner Enjoy Joke**  
...at dinner to kick off scholarship program named for Sen. Eastland

# Burger: U.S. Still World Model

By OTIS L. SANFORD  
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

The United States is the envy of the world — the only country where 100 persons seek entry every month, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Warren Burger said Monday night.

Burger, guest speaker at a testimonial dinner honoring Sen. James O. Eastland, D-Miss., said nearly every country in the world patterns itself after the U.S.

"Other countries criticize and try to tear us down, but then they give us a compliment as they pattern after us," Justice Burger said.

Burger also said the United States is built on trust, and said "we must keep it that way, and I devoutly believe that we will."

More than one-fourth of the U.S. Senate and several U.S. district judges were on hand for the dinner honoring Mississippi's senior senator.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey, D-Minn., called Eastland a "great man," and said, "I salute him because he is my friend, and that is more important than anything else."

"I have watched his deep interest in the system of justice for this country, and he has proven that he has the respect and admiration of his colleagues and constituents," Humphrey said.

Eastland said the former vice president "might be called this fall," indicating the Minnesota senator could win the Democratic

presidential nomination.

Humphrey said prior to the dinner, however, that he still is not a candidate for the presidency.

"As we approach the 21st century," Eastland said, "to whom will we look for leadership? We can't look to Europe or to the Soviet Union with its closed society, iron curtain and iron cages, and we can't look to the People's Republic of China."

"This land of ours will remain the best hope on earth," Eastland said.

Meanwhile, outside the banquet hall, more than a dozen marchers carried signs protesting the honoring of Eastland.

The marchers, headed by Republic of New Africa president Omari Obadele, paraded outside the Downtown Holiday Inn.

Guests at the dinner included Maine Sen. Edmund Muskie; Sen. Thomas Eagleton, D-Mo.; the Mississippi delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives; Mississippi's junior, Sen. John C. Stennis; Gov. Cliff Finch.

The dinner, sponsored by the University of Mississippi Foundation, also kicked off a \$3 million scholarship fund to help indigent law students at the University Law School.

The fund, named for Eastland, each year will award 100 scholarships of \$1,000 to law students at the university.



Staff photo by Randy Cox

Porter Fortune Jr., Right, And Sen. And Mrs. Eastland  
...University of Mississippi Chancellor attends dinner

## Humphrey May Seek Position As Senate Majority Leader

By JACK ELLIOTT  
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

U. S. Sen. Hubert Humphrey, D-Minn., Monday night said he may seek the Senate Majority Leader post. But the former vice president left the impression that move depends on the outcome of a possible presidential bid.

Humphrey, one of 33 Congressmen attending the James O. Eastland dinner here, confirmed he has been approached by colleagues to run for majority leader.

The majority leader's post becomes vacant next year with the retirement of long-time U. S. Sen. Mike Mansfield, D-Mont. Mansfield announced his retirement last week.

"I'M HAPPY TO SAY that some senators have asked me to run (for majority leader)," Humphrey said. "It is an option, although I am not trying to campaign for it."

The Minnesota Democrat has made no secret of his presidential aspirations but has refused to officially declare his candidacy. Humphrey has said he will accept a draft from the national convention should no candidate win the nomination.

Humphrey joined Republican Sens. Robert Griffin of Michigan and Charles Percy of Illinois in predicting President Ford will win the GOP nomina-



tion over Ronald Reagan.

Sen. Harry Byrd, I-Va., said Ford's showing in Florida could be the breaking point for the chief executive.

"I think if the President wins in Florida," Byrd said, "he'll be pretty close to obtaining the nomination."

Humphrey simply said Ford would win the nomination. The President repeatedly has said he expects to face Humphrey in the November general election.

Griffin, predicting Ford victories in Florida and Illinois, said he hopes Reagan will drop out of the race.

The Senate Minority Whip said he was concerned about Ford's candidacy in the early going but said the President's strong campaign organization and ability to attract the uncommitted votes changed his mind.

Percy, who came to Jackson after campaigning for Ford in Illinois, said the President should carry the state with 60 per cent of the primary vote.

"I think Reagan's challenge has been a good thing," Percy said. "The President's campaign organization had not run a national election and was not geared up at all. They needed this (Reagan) to get going."

Byrd, Humphrey and Sen. Edmund Muskie, D-Maine, said the Democrats are the ones to watch in the primaries.

"Sen. (Henry) Jackson," Muskie said, "has obviously helped himself enormously in Massachusetts. (former Georgia Gov. Jimmy) Carter's stock is still pretty high."

Muskie said Alabama Gov. George Wallace will be in the race "right until the end" and Morris Udall's problems may also center on momentum.

Both Byrd and Humphrey said the large number of Democratic primaries remaining leaves the nomination "up for grabs."

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# Sen. Eastland To Be Honored By Ole Miss

By The Associated Press  
Some 35 U.S. senators, U.S. Atty. Gen. (Edward) Levi, Gov. Cliff Finch and other officials are to gather tonight to honor Sen. James O. Eastland, D-Miss., the Senate's president pro tempore.

Warren Burger, chief justice of the United States, will be the featured speaker for the testimonial dinner. The event is under the sponsorship of the University of Mississippi, Eastland's alma mater, and the University of Mississippi Foundation.

Eastland, Mississippi's senior senator, will be honored for his more than 30 years of service in the Senate and his 20 years as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Burger will be introduced by Sen. John C. Stennis, D-Miss. The other scheduled speakers include Rep. Jamie L. Whitten, D-Miss., Sen. John O. Pastore, D-R.I., and Sen. Hubert Humphrey, D-Minn.

Friends of Eastland have that a scholarship will be created in Eastland's name at the University of Mississippi Law Center following tonight's dinner. The scholarships are to be financed by a fund drive which will seek to raise \$2 million, said attorney Edmund L. Brunini of Jackson, chairman of the planning committee for the dinner.

Eastland was appointed to the Senate in 1941 by Gov. Paul B. Johnson Sr. and was elected to a full term in 1943. He also has served as acting vice president under two different presidents.

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# Powerful Peers Pay Homage To Eastland

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The political power of Mississippi's senior senator — James O. Eastland — is not hidden by his unobtrusive manner when he is among peers.

He's been typically reserved in 35 years in the U. S. Senate, a man rarely in the public spotlight, but a politician whose behind-the-scenes influence is stark.

It was dramatically marked Monday night by 1,000 persons who are among the most powerful in Mississippi and the nation and who gathered in Jackson to pay this man homage.

Dining with the senator in the huge banquet hall of the Holiday Inn Downtown, they wore formal attire and paid \$25 per ticket to kick off a fund-raising drive for scholarships in the senator's name at Ole Miss Law School.

About 25 U. S. senators flew here in honor of their president pro tempore since 1972, their "acting" vice president under two presidents.

A former vice president and several-times candidate for the Presidency — Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn., sat at the head table with the senator, calling Eastland a great man and a friend.

And there was the keynote speaker, Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger, one of nine justices on the court who were approved by Eastland's Judiciary Committee after nomination by the President.

The state's five-man Congressional delegation, numerous federal judges, Gov. Cliff Finch and former Gov. Bill Waller, state senators and representatives and other notables attended.

"It's a great tribute to a man who can bring so many people," acknowledged Rep. Jamie L. Whitten, D-Miss. He's the senior Congressman from Mississippi.

"The fact that all these people are here to honor Jim Eastland is proof of his standing in Washington and in this country," he said. "When you call Jim, he'll not only say yes, he'll get on his telephone and do something about it."

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But according to John O. Pastore, D-Rhode Island, "No matter how much power he has in the Senate of the United States, I have never seen Jim Eastland invoke a reprisal against an adversary."

Pastore said he is a deskmate of Eastland, sitting to the left geographically and ideologically. Friendships are not built on partisanship or political ideology, however, he said.

"They are built on the strength of personality and character and Jim Eastland is my friend.

"I love Jim Eastland."

The soft-spoken chief justice also had high praise for the Mississippi leader. "I doubt if there are many

occasions where one fourth of the U. S. Senate would ever gather anywhere for any purpose."

He praised America as a country where senators with so many different views could gather in one place as friends. And he lauded Eastland.

"He is a man whose word is his bond. He doesn't give it lightly but when he gives it, there it is, and you can bank on it."

Burger then gave a Bicentennial twist to his remarks, answering the skeptics who have little faith that America will survive.

"The interesting thing to me is that while the Communist leaders and Communist press of the world berate us and criticize us and try to tear us down, they do us the great compliment of accepting our pattern," he said.

Many of the Communist nations take the word "republic" into their country's name to give the appearance of freedom, he said. Yet, said Burger, they remain far behind the United States.

"The Communist Party in each of the countries has been able to make progress only by wrapping around their party and their programs the cloak of freedom," he said.

Moreover, he said, although Americans expose their flaws daily, "twice daily sometimes," the country is "resilient and strong and the constitutional system can function."

Eastland, led to the podium by

his junior colleague, Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., spoke highly of Pastore, then gave political insight into the ongoing presidential contest.

"I'm going to tell you a secret," he said. "I believe that he (Humphrey) might be called this fall.

"I say this for Hubert, there are millions of people in this country who look to Hubert for leadership and who want to vote for him and will vote for him," he said.

Eastland compared the gathering stretching before him to a photograph of his life.

"This contains the elements that have supported and sustained me through the years," he said. "I count myself among the most fortunate of men, and I am the most grateful."

The 71-year-old senator reviewed historic developments that have marked his term — a president who died in office, one who was assassinated, and another who resigned.

He's seen enemies — Japan and Germany — become strong allies while allies like Russia have become foes.

And Eastland noted the development during his tenure of atomic power, communications satellites, jet aircraft, interstate highways and organ transplants.

But the nation must look toward the future, the senator said, and Americans, he added, cannot look toward Russians and Chinese — "whose decisions are made by Cultural Revolution, not the ballot box" — for help.

Meanwhile, outside the inn, a handful of people led by Republic of New Africa leader Omari Obadele marched in protest of the event.

Earlier in the day, Henry Kirksey, black independent candidate for governor last year, called Eastland a racist and charged the dinner might have been staged to influence Burger's decision in a Mississippi reapportionment case.



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## SEN. JIM EASTLAND

'Reserved' powerful leader honored



**CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER**

Eastland's word 'is his bond.'

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**Courtney C. Pace,  
Administrative  
Aide to Eastland**

Courtney C. Pace, 74, who retired this month after serving as administrative aide to Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) for 36 years, longer than any aide in Senate history, died of an aneurysm Wednesday in Jackson, Miss.

Mr. Pace entered Baptist Hospital in Jackson on Jan. 10, just one week after he had ended a half-century association with Eastland.

In an interview published in The Washington Post shortly after both had retired, Mr. Pace said that although he had spent half of his life on Capitol Hill, "I'm a Mississippian."

He said he "was going back home. . . My friends (here) are all gone. It's sad, but without my Hill contacts, I'd have nothing here. My whole life has revolved around this office."

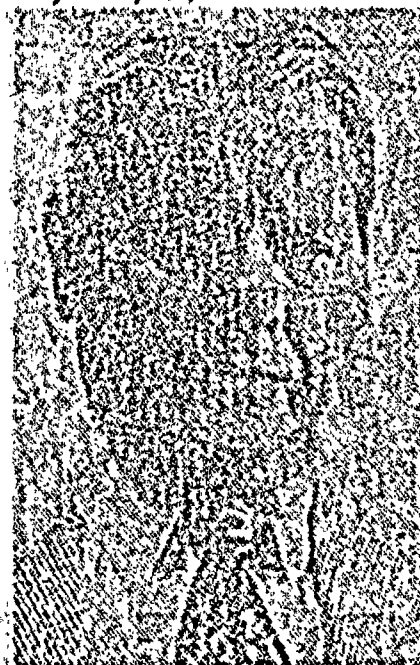
Mr. Pace was elected to the Mississippi legislature in 1928. Two other freshmen that year were Eastland and John C. Stennis, both of whom were elected later to the U.S. Senate.

In those early years, "we were liberal," Mr. Pace recalled in the interview. Then pointing to Eastland, he added, "but both of us have become very conservative."

Mr. Pace knew his boss so well that he often told reporters how the senator would vote on a given issue without bothering to check with him. He said he "forged" the senator's name so often that "I can't tell my copy from the real thing."

"I don't recall a single thing on which we differed," Mr. Pace said.

In the same interview, Eastland said



COURTNEY C. PACE

he picked Mr. Pace to be his chief aide and confidant because he was "scrupulously honest. And he was my best friend. He had my complete trust."

The bonds between the two men extended to a second generation. Their sons, Casey Pace and Woods Eastland, grew up together in the Washington area. Today they are lawyer friends living in Mississippi.

Mr. Pace was born in hilly central Mississippi, but grew up in a delta town named for his father.

His wife, Charlotte, died in 1963.

In addition to his son, he is survived by a sister, Annabelle Taylor, of New York; a half-brother, James K. Pace, of Memphis, Tenn.; and grandchildren.

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